

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of)
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Ismo Reilama, et al.)
) Examiner: Unknown
on DESULPHURIZATION OF ODOROUS)
GASES OF A PULP MILL)
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Serial No.: 10/574,301) Art Unit: 1731
National Stage Entry of Int'l Appln.)
No. : PCT/FI2004/000581) Confirmation No. 7070
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Hartford, Connecticut, September 2, 2008

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement entered in the above-identified application in the Examiner's Action of July 31, 2008, having a shortened period of response set to expire on September 2, 2008, Applicants hereby elect with traverse, Group I, Claims 26 to 44 drawn to a method for desulphurization of the circulation chemicals in a pulp mill.

Applicants respectfully traverse Examiner's Restriction Requirement. Applicants respectfully submit that the prosecution of Groups I and II in a single application adds no additional burden to the Examiner. Specifically, Group I, claims 26-44, and Group II, claims 45-49, are drawn to a method and apparatus, respectively, for desulphurization of the circulation chemicals in a pulp mill. Thus, prosecution of Groups I and II will require searching of the same art and place no additional burden on the Examiner.

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Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that there is no additional burden placed on the Examiner by prosecuting Groups I and II in a single application. Therefore, Applicants believe that the Restriction Requirement is not appropriate, and respectfully request reconsideration by the Examiner.

Applicants believe no fees are due for filing this Response, however, if it is determined that a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 13-0235.

Respectfully submitted,

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